

Gary W. Cordell

Gary Cordell joined the Haslam Administration in March of 2011. He came to state government from the private sector with a wealth of experience in operations management, finance and staff development. He was also chief operating officer at Clayton Associates, a Venture Capital firm, and served as president of Cherokee Equity Corporation, both Tennessee corporations.

He is a member of the Student of Integrity Scholarship Committee with the Better Business Bureau of Middle Tennessee, and is a past chairman of the BBB's board. He also is a past chairman of the board of Goodwill Industries of Middle Tennessee. He serves currently as a director on the Goodwill Industries, Leadership Nashville Alumni and Park Center Boards. In 1986, he served as campaign manager for former Gov. Winfield Dunn.

Cordell earned a Master of Arts in Organizational Management from Trevecca University and a Bachelor of Arts in Organizational Behavior from Covenant College. He was an adjunct professor for three years at Aquinas College in Nashville, where he taught management and strategic business.

He and his wife, Kathleen, reside in Franklin, Tennessee and have five children.